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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/520,787	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MIYOSHI ET AL.	
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### Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 May 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on May 21, 2008 has been entered.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

5. Claims 8-9, 11-14 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato (US 5,771,467) in view of Parkvall et al (US 2002/0080719).

**For claim 8**, Sato discloses a radio receiving apparatus comprising:

a receiver (**fig. 1 box 15**) operable to receive a data packet from a radio transmitting apparatus (**fig. 1 box 12**) (**column 2 lines 58-67**); an error detector (**fig. 1 box 17**) operable to detect an error in the packet (**column 3 lines 10-35**);

a reception quality measurement section (**column 3 lines 40-47**) operable to measure a reception quality of the packet (**column 2 lines 19-24**); a transmitter to transmit to the radio transmitting apparatus (**fig. 1 box 12**) a suspend signal requesting to suspend transmission (**column 2 lines 12-19 and column 3 lines 47-57**);

and the transmitter transmits the suspend signal to the radio transmitting apparatus (**fig. 1 box 12**) based on the reception quality (**column 3 lines 47-57 and column 4 lines 1-15**).

**For claim 8**, Sato discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception of a NACK signal. Parkvall et al from the same or similar fields of endeavor teaches a transmitter operable to transmit a NACK signal to the radio

transmitting apparatus (**fig. 10 box 54**) (**paragraphs 0056 and 0057**) wherein the transmitter transmits the NACK signal to the radio transmitting apparatus (**fig. 10 box 54**) if the error is detected by the error detector (**paragraphs 0057 and 0058**). Thus, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to transmit a NACK signal as taught in Parkvall et al in the communications network of Sato. The NACK signal as taught by Parkvall et al can be modified/implemented into the communication network of Sato. The motivation for a NACK signal is because it would improve similar devices in the same way.

**For claim 9**, Sato further discloses the transmitter transmits the suspend signal to the radio transmitting apparatus (**fig. 1 box 12**) if the reception quality is equal to or greater than a first threshold (**column 2 lines 9-12 and column 3 lines 40-62**).

**For claim 11**, Sato further discloses the transmitter is further operable to transmit a resume signal requesting to resume the suspended transmission (**column 4 lines 1-19**).

**For claim 12**, Sato further discloses the transmitter is further operable to transmit a give-up signal requesting to stop the suspended transmission (**column 4 lines 3-29**).

**For claim 13**, Sato discloses a radio receiving method comprising the steps of: a step of receiving (**fig. 1 box 15**) a data packet from a radio transmitting apparatus (**fig. 1 box 12**) (**column 2 lines 58-67**); a step of detecting (**fig. 1 box 17**) an error in the packet (**column 3 lines 10-35**); a step of measuring (**column 3 lines 40-47**) a reception quality of the packet (**column 2 lines 19-24**); a suspend-signal transmitting step of transmitting to the radio transmitting apparatus

**(fig. 1 box 12)** a suspend signal requesting to suspend transmission **(column 2 lines 12-19 and column 3 lines 47-57)**;

and the suspend-signal transmitting step transmits the suspend signal to the radio transmitting apparatus **(fig. 1 box 12)** based on the reception quality **(column 3 lines 47-57 and column 4 lines 1-15)**.

**For claim 13**, Sato discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception of a NACK signal. Parkvall et al from the same or similar fields of endeavor teaches a NACK transmitting step of transmitting a NACK signal to the radio transmitting apparatus **(fig. 10 box 54) (paragraphs 0056 and 0057)** wherein the NACK transmitting step transmits the NACK signal to the radio transmitting apparatus **(fig. 10 box 54)** if the error-detecting step detects an error **(paragraphs 0057 and 0058)**. Thus, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to transmit a NACK signal as taught in Parkvall et al in the communications network of Sato. The NACK signal as taught by Parkvall et al can be modified/implemented into the communication network of Sato. The motivation for a NACK signal is because it would improve similar devices in the same way.

**For claim 14**, Sato further discloses the suspend- signal transmitting step transmits the suspend signal to the radio transmitting apparatus **(fig. 1 box 12)** if the reception quality is equal to or greater than a first threshold **(column 2 lines 9-12 and column 3 lines 40-62)**.

**For claim 16**, Sato further discloses a resume-signal requesting step of transmitting a resume signal requesting to resume the suspended transmission

**(column 4 lines 1-19).**

**For claim 17**, Sato further discloses a give-up signal requesting step of transmitting a give-up signal requesting to stop the suspended transmission **(column 4 lines 3-29).**

6. Claims 10 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato and Parkvall et al as applied to claims 8 and 13 above, and further in view of Faerber (US 2003/0031143).

**For claim 10**, Sato further discloses the transmitter transmits the suspend signal to the radio transmitting apparatus **(fig. 1 box 12)** if the reception quality is equal to or greater than a first threshold **(column 2 lines 9-12 and column 3 lines 40-62).**

**For claim 15**, Sato further discloses the suspend-signal transmitting step transmits the suspend signal to the radio transmitting apparatus if the reception quality is equal to or greater than a first threshold **(column 2 lines 9-12 and column 3 lines 40-62).**

**For claims 10 and 15**, Sato and Parkvall et al discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception of a second threshold. Faerber from the same or similar fields of endeavor teaches the reception quality is equal to or less than a second threshold **(fig. 4)(paragraphs 0039 [lines 3-9] and 0042)**. Thus, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have a second threshold as taught in Faerber in the communications network of Sato and Parkvall et al. The second threshold as taught by Faerber can be

modified/implemented into the communication network of Sato and Parkvall et al. The motivation for the second threshold is because it would improve similar devices in the same way and also it would improve spectral efficiency and high transfer rates.

### ***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LITON MIAH whose telephone number is (571)270-3124. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30am to 5:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rafael Perez-Gutierrez can be reached on (571)272-7915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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